

Remarks

Claims 1-32 were pending prior to the present amendments. Claims 9-16 and 29-30 are canceled. Claims 1, 17, 27-28 and 31-32 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention.

The Examiner rejected (1) Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication JP 10-150374 ("Takao"), (2) Claims 3-8, 11-16, 19-22, and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takao, in view of U.S. Patent 6,374,177 ("Lee '177 Patent"), and (3) Claims 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takao, in view of U.S. Patent 6,728,531 ("Lee '531 Patent").

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. As amended, independent Claim 1 recites, in part:

a frequency selection unit coupled to receive a current location from the location unit wherein, in response to a change in signal reception condition, the frequency selection unit (1) retrieves, over the wireless interface, tuning data representing a set of frequencies of broadcast signals that can be received at the current location from a data storage system associated with a server on the wide area network, the tuning data retrieved having been filtered according to a previously determined set of selection criteria based on user content preferences, and (2) further selects a frequency from the set of frequencies of broadcast signals in the tuning data retrieved; and

Such a frequency selection unit and its operations are believed neither disclosed nor suggested in the teachings of Takao, the Lee '177 Patent, and the Lee '531 Patent.

Accordingly, Claim 1 and its dependent Claims 2-8 and 31-32 are believed allowable over these prior art references of record. Similarly, Claim 17 recites, in part:

in response to a change in signal reception condition,
retrieving over a wireless interface to a wide area network

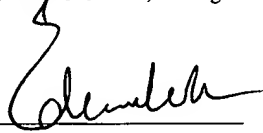
tuning data representing a set of frequencies of broadcast signals that can be received at the current location from a data storage system associated with a server on the wide area network, the tuning data having been filtered according to a previously determined selection criteria based on user content preferences;

in a frequency selection unit, further selecting a particular frequency from the tuning data retrieved; and

Thus, Claim 17 and its dependent Claims 18-28 are also believed allowable over Takao, the Lee '177 Patent and the Lee '531 Patent. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-8, 17-28 and 31-32 are requested.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, all pending claims (i.e., Claims 1-8, 17-28 and 31-32) are allowable over the art of record. If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at 408-392-9250.

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